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Re: **Right-To-Know Request / 99-2019-0984 / RTK-37**

Dear Adrien Salzberg:

Your request for the following information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law (RTKL), was received by the Bucks County District Attorney Open Records Office via email on 11/21/2019.

“Any and all records from January 1, 2019, to the date this request is processed, concerning election complaints forwarded to the county from the Pennsylvania Department of State. A spreadsheet obtained via a previous request to the department showed that in 2019, 1 election complaint was submitted to Bucks County, labeled “other” on the spreadsheet. Responsive documents would include investigations into this complaint and the findings of the district attorney.”

Please be advised that your request is **DENIED**, in part, at this time, for the following reason:

To the extent that your request is for “election complaints forwarded to the county from the Pennsylvania Department of State,” our agency does not and would not possess that were forwarded to the County of Bucks, other than those forwarded to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office (DAO). Any such request involving records for the County of Bucks, other than those possessed by the DAO, a separate agency, must be forwarded to: Karen L. Fanelli, Open Records Officer for the County of Bucks, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901, Fax #267-885-1656 or Email OpenRecordsOfficer@buckscounty.org. Please be advised that the Bucks County Office of Open Records requires that any Right to Know Request be submitted on a Standard Right to Know Form which can be accessed through the Bucks County website at www.buckscounty.org/government/administration/OpenRecords or at the Pennsylvania’s Open Records Office Website at www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/Forms.cfm.

This correspondence will serve to close this specific request with our office, as to your request for records “forwarded to the county from the Pennsylvania Department of State,” as permitted by law.

30-Day Extension:

To the extent that your request applies to records of “election complaints forwarded to the [DAO] from the Pennsylvania Department of State,” please be advised that we are claiming a thirty (30) day extension to review and respond to the aforementioned request. The RTKL permits an extension of time under Section 902(a)(1) when the “the request for access requires redaction of a record in accordance with section 706”; Section 902(a)(2) when “the request for access requires the retrieval of a record stored in a remote location”; Section 902(4) when “a legal review is necessary to determine whether the record is a record subject to access under this act” and Section 902 (a)(7) when “the extent or nature of the request precludes a response within the required time.” See 65 P.S. §67.902. The extension is being invoked as a timely response within 5 business days is not possible in order to conduct a thorough search for any and all records responsive to your request and for legal review and/or possible redactions of any records that may exist and may constitute public record in response to your request.

Please also keep in mind that the fee of \$.25 per copy will apply.

Sincerely,
Timothy V. Perkins
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Detective
Bucks County District Attorney's Office

re : File #99-2019-0984 / RTK-37